REMARKS

Claims 1-13 have been cancelled. Claims 14-22, which are claims non-elected in Application Serial No. 09/680,966, are presented for examination on the merits.

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